

# ***Season for Nonviolence***

## **STUDENT SPEECH CONTEST**

◆ ◆ ◆ April 14, 2012 ◆ ◆ ◆  
Finals at the Alameda Main Library

**This year's theme:**

***"Unity through Community"***

**Alameda students, grades 6-12, are invited to participate** in a city-wide speech contest to celebrate the international Season for Nonviolence. The Season is held each year from January 30<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup> and honors the lives and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi and Cesar Chavez.

**Speeches are to be from three to five minutes in length** and must include at least one quote from one of the great leaders above or any of these inspiring women who have won the Nobel Peace Prize: Mother Teresa of India, Aung San Suu Kyi from Burma/Myanmar, Guatemalan Rigoberta Menchu, or Wangari Maathai from Kenya.

**Each participating school will select finalists** to deliver their speeches at the April 14th contest. All participants will receive a certificate of achievement, and cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$75 or \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded for first, second and third place at the high school and middle school levels, respectively.



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